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Land Revenue.

Memorial of the Madura District Ryots' and Landholders' Association.

* 189 Q.—MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps on the memorial submitted by the Madura District Ryots' and Landholders' Association, Madura, dated 18th August 1924;

(b) whether any conferences have been held by the Collector of Madura and the Executive Engineer of Madura division with the leading ryots of Madura district; and

(c) if so, the result of the conferences?

A.—(a) The memorial referred to was forwarded to the Board of Revenue for disposal. The orders of the Board on it were duly communicated to the Honorary Secretary of the Association.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government have no information.

MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—“With reference to clause (a), may I know the orders passed on the memorial by the Board?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“I have no objection to furnish the hon. Member with a copy of the Board's order thereon.”

MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—“With reference to (b), may I know the number of conferences held?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“I am unable to say, Sir.”

MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—“With reference to (c), will the Government be pleased to call for the information?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“If the hon. Member means whether any definite orders were passed as a result of those conferences, I shall be very glad to send for copies of those orders, if any.”

MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—“I want to know whether any happy relation has been created between the ryots and the executive authorities?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“I hope so, Sir.”

Alleged attachment of standing crops in Tanjore.

* 190 Q.—MR. V. PANTULU AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Revenue officers in Tanjore district have attached standing crops in the current fasli for kist due either for January or February or for both and by putting them to auction have also realized in advance kist due for the succeeding months also;

(b) if so, how many pattadars were subjected to this treatment;

(c) the amount realized through auction from such pattadars in advance; and

(d) in how many cases advance amounts were realized through auction after the recent adjournment motion in the Council regarding Tanjore and the total number of such cases before and after the motion?

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A.—(a) & (b) In fasli 1334 there were five cases in which the sale of standing crops for arrears of January and February 1925 realized a surplus which was credited to the subsequent kists.

(c) The surplus amount realized was Rs. 201-8-0.

(d) One of these cases occurred before 6th February 1925 and four after that date.

Preparation of a list of lands available for assignment to the depressed classes.

* 191 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether lists of lands available for assignment to the depressed classes have been prepared for any of the districts in the province and, if so, for what districts and where copies of them can be had for mere perusal or for sale?

A.—A copy of the B.P. Routine No. 1187, Press, dated 5th March 1925, issuing the instructions approved by Government regarding the publication of the lists of lands reserved for members of the depressed classes is laid on the Council Table.^a

Arrears of land revenue in Gosbal Thalur, etc., villages.

11-30 a.m. * 192 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the villages of Gosbal Thalur and Birapuram the land revenue arrears of 1332, 1333 and 1334 were all collected in the current fasli; and

(b) the average outturn of kora, jonna, and cotton, respectively, in these villages in each of the said faslis?

A.—(a) The collection of the land revenue of fasli 1332 in these villages was first postponed to fasli 1333 and then again to fasli 1334. In fasli 1334, the collection of the whole of this postponed revenue in two villages and half of the amount in the third was ordered but Government was not at the time aware that the local officers had omitted to collect the revenue of fasli 1333 in that year. As soon as Government learnt of this from the hon. Member who puts this question, they issued orders that the postponed revenue of 1332 was to be further postponed to 1335, i.e., that only two years' revenue should be collected in fasli 1334.

(b) The average estimated outturn of the dry crops in the villages during faslis 1332, 1333 and 1334 is reported as under:—

		Fasli 1332.	Fasli 1333.	Fasli 1334.
Bhairapuram	...	Below 4 as.	5 as. and above.	9.6 as.
Gosbal	...			9.2 as.
Talur	...			7.1 as.

Information as to the outturn of the respective crops is not available.

^a Printed as Appendix I on page 393 infra.